

### Give us your comments!

Do you have any other issues or comments that should be addressed by the U.S. 89 Corridor Plan?

- ☐ Please have someone call me to discuss this issue.  
☐ Please add my name to the project mailing list.

Send your comments and questions to:  
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## U.S. Highway 89 Corridor Plan Newsletter

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### Public invited to review *Existing and Future Conditions Report*

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is developing a 20-year corridor plan to guide future management of U.S. 89. The plan will consider a broad range of potential improvements to the corridor to assure that it continues to serve the region and remains a vital link in the state and national highway system. This big-picture approach leads to good, cost-effective solutions.

The corridor plan examines a broad range of questions:

- What needs to be done to address existing problems?
- How is the highway used now and how will that change in the future?
- How will the corridor be affected by adjacent land uses?
- Will pedestrian and bicycle facilities be needed?

### First Big Step Completed

The draft *Existing and Future Conditions Report* - the first big step in the corridor planning process - has been completed. It inventories and analyzes current conditions along U.S. 89 from the Utah state line through Montpelier, including the communities of Fish Haven, St. Charles, Bloomington, Paris, and Ovid. Building on 2002's input from the community and advisory committees, the report forecasts future conditions and needs. For more information, refer to the map inside this newsletter or download the reports from the project website at: <http://www2.state.id.us/itd/projects/us89corrplan>

The corridor plan will use the *Existing and Future Conditions Report* and stakeholder input to identify goals and objectives, improvement projects and a set of management strategies for U.S. 89 corridor improvements.

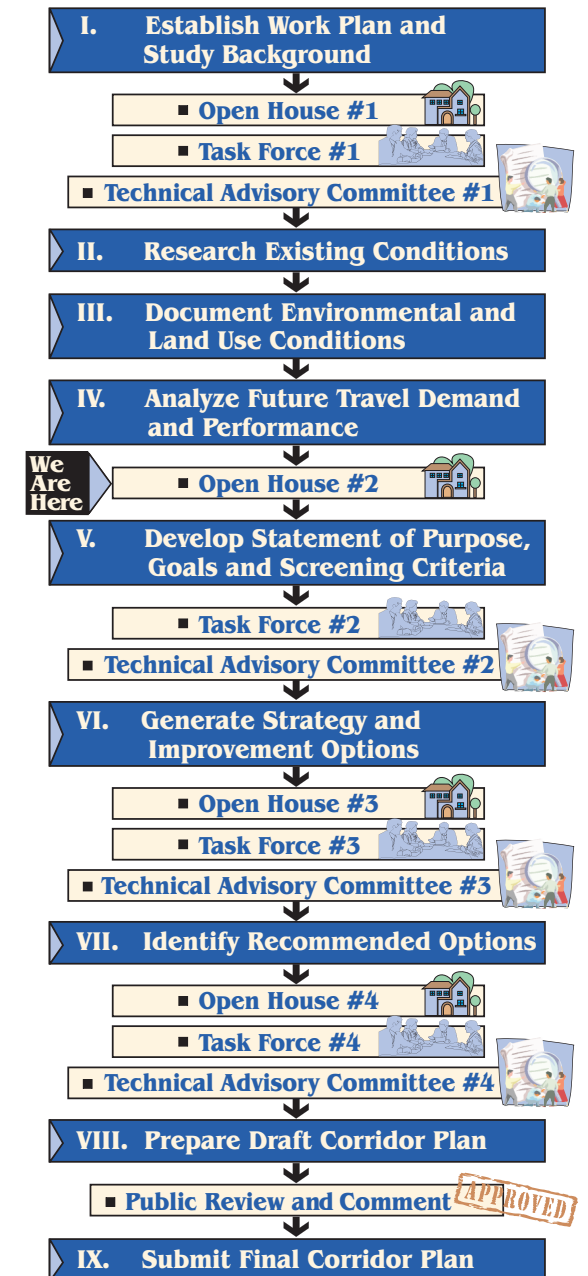


### Open House Scheduled For July 1st

To learn more about the findings in the *Existing and Future Conditions Report* and to offer your comments, please drop by an open house on:

**Tuesday, July 1, 2003,  
at Paris Elementary School,  
between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.**

### Project Schedule



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## Highlights of the *Existing and Future Conditions Report*

The *Existing and Future Conditions Report* presents a comprehensive view of transportation along the 27-mile U.S. 89 corridor, including the highway, railroads, airports, transit services, and bicycle/pedestrian facilities.

Existing conditions are based on information gathered through interviews with community leaders, public meetings, advisory committee meetings, as well as data collection and analysis.

Future conditions are based on projected increases in traffic volumes, housing and employment along the corridor. The reported conditions are compared to accepted highway standards to identify future needs.

Four major highway features are described in the report:

Capacity and level-of-service Discusses the quality of the travel experience along segments of the highway and at highway intersections.

Safety Discusses the number, severity, type and rate of occurrence of accidents.

Geometrics Describes the physical features of the highway, such as lane width, shoulder widths, horizontal and vertical curvature.

Traffic operations Reports traffic volumes and turn movements along segments of the highway and at highway intersections.

Several report findings are consistent with issues identified at the kick-off meetings last year:

Traffic volumes triple during the summer recreation season in the Fish Haven-St. Charles-Bloomington areas.

Narrow shoulders do not provide adequate space to pull off the highway in some areas.

Turn movements at several intersections are high enough to consider adding right- and/or left-turn lanes.

Physical features, such as rolling terrain, contribute to site distance problems at several locations along the corridor.

## Environmental Scan, Socio-Economic Profile and Land Use

An environmental scan was conducted to identify features that could impact the feasibility of improvements along the corridor. The environmental inventory includes cultural and historic resources, wetlands, stream corridors, habitat for threatened or endangered species and other wildlife.

The socioeconomic profile documents population, employment and household characteristics, land use patterns and community features that could affect the corridor's character and function.



**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE OPEN HOUSE**

